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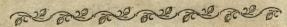
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Honorable Senate

OF THE

State of New-Hampshire,

AT A SESSION OF THE GENERAL-COURT, HOLDEN AT CONCORD, JUNE, 1797.

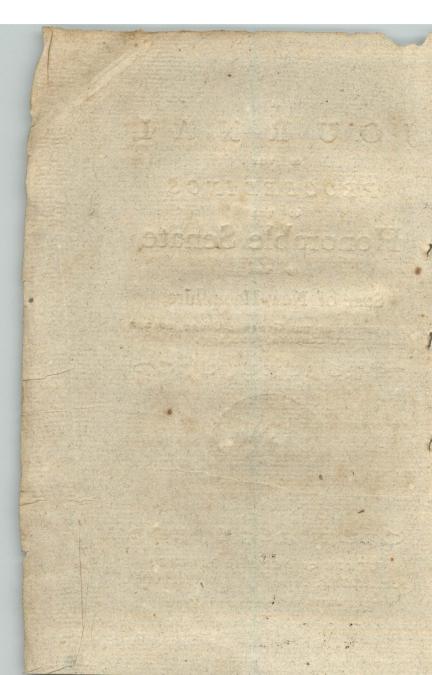




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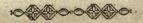


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OF THE

Honorable Senate.



Wednesday, June 7, 1797.

HE following members of the Senate being chofen by the people, attended and were qualified and took their feats, viz.

For district No. 1. honorable Moses LEAVITT,

2. JEREMIAH FOGG,
3. JOSEPH BLANCHARD,
4. MICHAEL M'CLARY,
5. WILLIAM HALE,
8. JAMES FLANDERS,
11. AMOS SHEPARD, Efg'rs.

There being a quorum of the Senate present.

Voted that Mr. Leavitt be appointed chairman.

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The Senate were informed by message that a quorum of the honorable House had assembled and were qualisted, and that they were ready to proceed to business.

The Senate and House met agreeably to the constitution to fill up the vacancies in the Senate, and being informed by the Secretary that Nathan Hoit and Joseph Badger, Esquires, had the highest number of votes for Senator in the fixth district, John Orr and Timothy Taylor, Esquires, in the seventh, Ephraim Hartwell & John Duncan, Esquires, in the ninth, Peleg Sprague and Elisha Whitcomb, Esquires, in the tenth, and Moses Baker and Thomas Crawford, Esquires, in the twelfth district,—proceeded by joint ballot and made choice of Nathan Hoit, Esquire, senator for the fixth district, John Orr, Esquire, for the seventh district, John Duncan, Esquire, for the ninth district, Elisha Whitcomb, Esquire, for the tenth district, and Moses Baker, Esquire, for the twelfth district,

The Secretary having laid the votes for Governor and Counsellors before the convention, proceeded to examine the returns of votes for Governor, and after examining and entering the same by the Secretary in the prefence of both houses agreeably to the constitution, a committee was chosen to re-examine and cast the same. The convention adjourned the elections until to morrow morning, 9 o'clock, and the Senate returned to their chamber.

Adjourned until 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Thursday, June 8, 1797.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as yesterday.

A VOTE for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to provide a dinner and invite his Excellency the Governor, the honorable the Council, and the reverend gentlemen of the clergy attending in this town to dine together; also the President of the Senate, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the speaker and clerk of the House and Senate.

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. Fogg and Mr. M'Clary appointed.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of the proprietors of the focial library in Jaffrey,
was brought up, read and concurred.

The Secretary came in and informed the Senate, that the honorable Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hoit and Mr. Orr were elected and duly qualified as Senators, they were introduced and took their feats accordingly.

A vote for a committee to join fuch of the Senate, as they may appoint, to confider the petition of Isaac Hubbard,

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. Duncan appointed.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of the proprietors of the focial library in New-Durham, was brought up, read and concurred.

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The Senate met in convention with the honorable House, agreeably to adjournment for compleating the elections.

The committee appointed to re-examine and cast the votes for Governor, reported that the whole number of votes were 10,823 of which his Excellency John Taylor Gilman had 9,625 and was elected, figned Jeremiah Fogg for the committee, which report was accepted.

The convention adjourned the elections until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, the Senate returned to their chamber.

A motion was made that the Senate should proceed to the choice of a President, the ballot being taken and counted, the honorable Moses Shepard, Esquire, was elected to that office.

A vote for a committee to join such of the honorable Senate, as they may appoint, to give information to his Excellency John Taylor Gilman, Esquire, of his election to the office of Chief Magistrate of New Hampshire, for the current year,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Hale and Mr. Hoit appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to determine on the etiquette of the public procession of this day,

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. M'Ciary and Mr. Hoit appointed.

A vote that the committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Governor, to inform him of his election to the office of Chief Magistrate, inform him that the two branches of the legislature are now ready in the

Representatives

Representatives chamber, to receive such communications as he shall be pleased to make, was brought up, read and concurred.

A message from the honorable House informed the Senate that they were ready to meet in the Representatives chamber, to receive his Excellency's communications; the Senate met with the honorable House accordingly.

His Excellency came in, attended by the committee appointed to wait on him and manifested his acceptance of the office of Chief Magistrate, and took and subscribed the oath of office, administered by the honorable Amos Shepard, Esquire, President of the Senate.

The President of the Senate then delivered him the Constitution of the State as his commission, and declared his Excellency John Taylor Gilman, Governor of the State of New-Hampshire; his Excellency retired and the Senate returned to their chamber.

The Senate met again with the honorable House in convention, and proceeded to open and enter the returns of votes for Counsellors, which having compleated, a committee was chosen to re-examine the returns and cast the votes, the elections were adjourned until tomorrow morning, 9 o'clock—the Senate returned to their chamber.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock.

Friday, June 9, 1797.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as yesterday.

VOTE for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to wait on the Reverend Mr. Peabody, and return him the thanks of the legislature for the ingenious discourse, delivered yesterday before the General Court, and desire of him a copy for the press,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Blanchard appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to wait on the Reverend Mr. Evans, and defire him to attend and officiate as chaplain to the General Court the present session,

was brought up, read and concurred:

Mr. Duncan appointed.

The Senate met in convention with the honorable House, agreeably to adjournment.

The committee appointed to re-examine the returns and cast the votes for Counsellors reported that in the county of Rockingham the whole number of votes was 2234; 1118 making a choice, Joseph Cilley, Esquire had 880, and Christopher Toppan, Esquire, 868, being the two highest numbers.

STRAFFORD:

The whole number of votes was 1999, Aaron Wingate, Esquire, had 1079, and was elected.

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The whole number of votes was 1690, Thomas Bellows, Esquire, had 1411, and was elected.

HILLSBOROUGH.

The whole number of votes was 2005, Robert Wallace, Esquire, had 1790, and was elected.

GRAFTON.

The whole number of votes was 1285, 643 making a choice; Moses Dow, Esquire, had 528, and Russell Freeman, Esquire, 378, being the two highest numbers; which report was accepted.

Proceeded by joint ballot and made choice of the honorable Joseph Cilley, Esquire, Counsellor for the county of Rockingham, and the honorable Russell Freeman, Esquire, Counsellor for the county of Graston.

The Secretary came in with a meffage from the Governor, and informed the Senate that his Excellency would be ready at twelve o'clock this day, to make his communications to both branches of the legislature, at such place as they should appoint.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of the proprietors of the Social Library in Chefter, praying for an incorporation,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of the proprietors of the Social Library in Amherst, praying for an incorporation,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to wait on his Excellency the Gov-

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ernor and inform him that the two branches of the legiflature will be ready in the Representatives Chamber, at twelve o'clock this day, to receive such communications as he may be pleased to make, and that the committee attend and escort his Excellency at the appointed hour,

was brought up, read and concurred : Mr. M'Clary and Mr. Hoit appointed:

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of John Mann and others,

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. Leavitt and Mr. Orr appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Jonathan Parker.

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. Fogg and Mr. Hale appointed.

The Senate met with the honorable House in the Representatives Chamber, his Excellency the Governor, attended by the committee appointed to wait on him, came in and addressed both branches of the legislature as follows:

Fellow-Citizens of the Senate, and of the House of Representatives.

Having in obedience to the call of my fellow citizens, again accepted the office of Chief Magistrate. It affords me great satisfaction that I may congratulate you on our general prosperity and happiness, as it respects the internal affairs of the State.

The opportunities we have for promoting and enjoy-

ing civil and religious liberty, should excite our gratitude to the supreme ruler of the universe, and produce a fixed determination, rightly to improve those invaluable blessings.

As a member of the United States, it is both our duty and interest to preserve and strengthen the ties which bind us together, and while we participate in the great advantages consequent upon the operation of our federal government, it becomes us to remember that we must also suffer, if that is injured.

When we recollect the past eminent services of the person who has been recently appointed President of the United States, we may justly conside that the wisdom, sirmness and patriotism which has heretosore been so conspicuous in his conduct, on many important occasions will be exerted to the utmost to promote the honor, interest, peace and happiness of our common country.

An extraordinary occasion has induced the President to convene Congress. In his speech to the Senate and House of Representatives, the injurious conduct of a foreign nation, towards our own is particularly delineated; while these cirumstances are viewed with deep regret, they must also be highly alarming.

It being the peculiar duty of the general government to direct in all things relating to our foreign concerns, and to purfue such measures as may be thought proper for promoting and preserving the honor and interest of the nation; it is incumbent on us to view the situation in which we stand, and to unite in a fixed determination to afford the most prompt and effective aid to all their constitutional measures.

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Peace on terms confistent with our rights as an independent nation, must be the sincere wish of all good citizens, and we may believe will be earnestly fought for by the general government, but however ardent the defire for peace may be; it cannot be imagined that a people who not long since expended so much blood and treasure in obtaining independence from one nation will ever consent to facrifice that invaluable possession to another.

Although Congress are impowered to provide for the common defence and general welfare, and for organizing, arming and disciplining the militia; yet should you be of opinion, from a view of the general aspect of our public affairs, that it is necessary at this time for the State to make further provision for arming and disciplining the militia, or to take any other measures for the particular defence and safety of the State, whatever you may determine upon will meet my zealous attention.

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,

Confidering the magnitude of the debt incurred during our struggle for independence, the state of our treafury has hitherto been as good as could be expected, yet from a view of the prosperous state of our country, and the ability of our citizens; I have heretofore tho't it expedient that taxation should be continued, that we might be more amply prepared to meet fuch difficulties as are incident to all human affairs. At a period not very diffant, the prices of many articles of the general produce of our country may probably be much reduced; should Congress find it indispensably necessary to lay a direct tax, and the particular circumstances of the State require an affeffment for our own internal affairs at the fame time; this double tax may be burthensome, these confiderations induce me to ask your attention to the Subject at this time.

Gentlemen

Gentlemen of the Senate and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives.

In a feparate communication I shall lay before you some observations respecting compensations to persons employed in administering the government of the State.

Although we may view with much anxiety the general aspect of our national concerns, it becomes our peculiar duty to consider the affairs of the State.

In returning to the conflictution we shall there find many important matters which claim our attention, and by upright endeavors to establish justice and promote the general welfare of the community, we shall best answer the reasonable expectations of our constituents, and secure the approbation of our own minds.

JOHN TAYLOR GILMAN.

His Excellency then withdrew.

The Senate and House being met in convention agreeably to adjournment to complete the elections.

Proceeded by joint ballot and made choice of the honorable Joseph Pearson, Esquire, for Secretary; the honorable Oliver Peabody, Esquire for Treasurer; and George Gains, Esquire for Commissary-General.

The convention adjourned until to-morrow 12 o'clock, and the Senate withdrew to their chamber.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to wait on the Rev. Mr. Peabody, and receive from hima copy of the discourse delivered yesterday, and procure four bundred printed copies of the same as soon as conveniently may be,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. M'Clary appointed.

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A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of Joseph Pratt and others,

was brought up, read and concurred:

Mr. Hale appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to wait on Mr. Pearson, and inform him of his election as Secretary, and on Mr. Peabody, and inform him of his election as Treasurer, and in case they accept, to receive bonds from them for the faithful discharge of the duties of their respective offices, and lay the bonds before the House,

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. Blanchard and Mr. Hale appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to draught an answer to his Excellency's address of this day, and lay the same before the House,

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. Fogg and Mr. M. Hale appointed.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of the felectmen of Unity,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Simon Wiggin,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Leavitt appointed,

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to make inquiry respecting the lawbooks which Mr. Melcher was to print for the State, and take the necessary measures to have them brought before the House of Representatives,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Duncan appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under confideration the law for abolishing the court of general sessions of the peace, and report their opinion respecting the same,

was brought up, read and concurred : Mr. Duncan and Mr. Hoit appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under confideration the propropriety of having executions returnable at an earlier period than what the law now requires,

was brought up, read and concurred:

Mr. Hale appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under confideration the trustee act, and report such alterations and amendments as they shall judge necessary,

was brought up, read and concurred : Mr. Hoit and Mr. Flanders appointed.

A vote for a committee to join fuch of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under confideration the limitation act,

was brought up, read and concurred : Mr. M'Clary appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take into confideration the petition of John Webster and others,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Duncan appointed.

A vote for a committee to take into confideration and report what method shall be further taken respecting a fettlement with the committee, appointed to lay out and make a road from Coo's to Conway,

was brought up, read and concurred:

Mr. Hoit appointed.

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A vote for a committee to join fuch of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under confideration the petition of Zechariah Chandler and others,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Orr appointed.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock.

Saturday, June 10, 1797.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as yesterday.

OTED that Mr. Hoit be added to the committee on the petition of Jonathan Parker.

A vote for a committee to join fuch of the Senate, as as they may appoint, to confider what business is neceffary to be entered upon and done at this fession,

was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. M'Clary and Mr. Hoit appointed.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of David Copp, in behalf of the proprietors of Wakefield and Brookfield Union-Library,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Abigail

was brought up, read and concurred : Mr. Blanchard appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Samuel Bailey,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Flanders appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senare, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of William Parker, and all similar matters,

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. M'Clary and Mr. Hoit appointed.

A vote granting a hearing on the petition of Abigail Johnson, before the General Court on the first Tuesday of the next session,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of William Cargill and Chauncy Curtis,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Flanders appointed.

A vote that the prayer of the petition of William Parker be granted, and that the committee appointed to fettle accounts between this State and individuals, be authorized to fettle his account, and that a refolve pass empowering the Governor to give order on the Treafurer for the payment of the balance,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote granting a hearing on the petition of Samuel Bailey, praying for the exclusive privilege of building a bridge over Connecticut river, from Lebanon to Hartford, before the General Court on the first Tuesday of the next session,

was brought up, read and concurred,

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to present to his Excellency the Governor for his approbation, such bills and resolves as may be passed the present session,

was brought up, read and concurred:

Mr. Hoit and Mr. Orr appointed.

Adjourned until Monday next, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Monday, June 12, 1797.

Met according to adjournment.

Prefent as on Saturday, excepting Mr. Hale.

VOTED that Mr. Hoit be added to the committee appointed to make enquiry respecting the law-books which Mr. Melcher was to print, &c.

A resolve that his Excellency the Governor be, and hereby is empowered to draw an order on the Treasurer in favor of William Parker, Esquire, for the payment of the balance of his account, that shall be found due to him, and so certified by the committee appointed to settle the same, agreeably to the vote of the legislature, passed June 10, 1797,

was brought up, read and concurred.

Presented and approved.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Molly Packer.

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. Leavitt appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the account exhibited by Nathaniel Adams, Esquire, and such other accounts as may be presented the present session,

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. Blanchard and Mr. Orr appointed.

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A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under consideration an act, in addition to an act, entitled, an "act for the more speedy recovery of small debts, and to save cost usually attending the recovery thereof in the present course of law," and report such alterations and amendments as they may judge necessary,

was brought up, read and concurred:

Mr. Blanchard appointed.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of the proprietors of the focial library in Exeter, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of William Strowbridge,

was brought up, read and concurred:

Mr. Flanders appointed.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of the proproprietors of Ortord Library, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition for an incorporation of the proprietors of Orford public school, was brought up, read and non-concurred.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Samuel Young, Esq.

was brought up, read and concurred. Mr. Hoit and Mr. Fogg appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Abel Learned and others, was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. Blanchard appointed. A vote that the account of Ozias Silfby be referred to the committee on the account of Nathaniel Adams, Efq. was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned until to morrow morning 8 o'clock.

Tuesday, June 13, 1797.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as yesterday.

MESSAGE by the Secretary from his Excellency the Governor, informed the Senate that Mr. Baker was duly qualified as a Senator, he was introduced and took his feat accordingly.

Voted that Mr. Blanchard and Mr. Hoit be a committee on the petition of Frederick William Geyer, to join such of the honorable House as they may appoint, sent down for concurrence, concurred and joined.

A vote that the bonds received of the Secretary and Treasurer by the committee appointed for that purpose, and reported by them, are fully satisfactory, was brought up, read and concurred.

The Senate met with the honorable House, agreeably to the order of the day for public hearings.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Abraham Swain and others,

was brought up, read and concurred : Mr. Baker appointed. A vote granting a hearing on the petition of Isaac Hubbard, before the General Court on the first Tuesday of the next session,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote that the hearing on the petition of Hannah Runnels, which was to have been this day before the General Court, be postponed until the first Tuesday of the next session,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to report what allowance shall be made to the honorable Council, Senate and House of Representatives and their officers, for travel and attendance the present session, and at what place the next session of the General Court shall be holden,

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. Fogg and Mr. Duncan appointed.

A vote that the hearing on the petition of Arthur Livermore, Esquire, and others, which was to have been this day before the General Court, be postponed until the first Tuesday of the next session, and that the petitioners cause that notice be given in the same manner as was before ordered,

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. Hale came in and took his feat.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of Cutting Favour and Ebenezer Wells, for the exclusive right of building a toll bridge over Pemigewasset river between the towns of New-Chester and New-Hampton,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote granting a hearing on the petition of Abel Learned and others, before the General-Court on the fecond Wednesday of the next session, was brought up, read and concurred. A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under consideration the salasies of the judges of the Superior Court,

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. Hale and Mr. M'Clary appointed.

A bill, intitled, "an act to incorporate certain persons herein after named and their associates into a society by the name of Chester Social Library," having been read a third time, voted that the same be enacted,

Presented and approved.

The Senate were informed by the Secretary that Mr. Whitcomb was duly qualified as a Senator, he was introduced and took his feat accordingly.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Ichabod Rollins,

was brought up, read and concurred:
Mr. Blanchard and Mr. Whitcomb appointed.

A vote on the petition of William Frederick Geyer, that he have liberty to bring in a bill to exclude any person or persons whomsoever from building any bridge across Connecticut river, within two miles of the limits of the grant made to Enoch Hale.

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote that the petition of Nathaniel S. Prentice be referred to the committee on the petition of William Parker, Efquire,

was brought up; read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the perition of Jonathan Chair, Esquire,

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. Flanders and Mr. Hoit appointed.

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A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to confider the petition of the selectmen of East-Kingston,

was brought up, read and concurred:

Mr. Fogg appointed.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of William Strowbridge,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote granting a hearing on the petition of Molly Packer before the General Court on the first Tuesday of the next fession, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join fuch of the Senate, as they may appoint, to confider the petition of Richard Jenness, Esquire, and others,

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. M'Clary and Mr. Leavitt appointed.

A vote for a committee to join fuch of the Senate, as they may appoint, to confider the petition of Eliphalet Taylor and others,

was brought up, read and concurred:

Mr. Hale appointed.

A vote for a committee to join fuch of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under confideration his Excellency's communications this day received, and the papers accompanying the same,

was brught up, read and concurred: Mr. Baker and Mr. Orr appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to confider the petition of James Little and others,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Hoit appointed.

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A bill, intitled, "an act for incorporating certain persons by the name of the proprietors of the Social Library in Jaffrey," having been read a third time, voted that the same be enacted,

Presented and approved.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock.

Wednesday, June 14, 1797.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as yesterday.

HE committee to prepare an answer to his Excellency's address reported the following:

May it please your Excellency. With much pleasure we congratulate you on your reappointment to the Chief Magistracy of this State. The great unanimity of the people so repeatedly manifested in this transaction; we consider as the highest token of their approbation, and the best comment on your former fervices. The general health and prosperity, the civil and religious liberty we now posses is matter of abundant joy, and ought to excite in us the liveliest emotions of gratitude and praise to the supreme ruler of nations and men, as a member of that extensive republic which has lately arisen in America, we know it to be our duty, and we feel it to be our interest to preserve and strengthen that connexion by which we are united under one federal head. the United States having convened Congress upon a The President of weighty

weighty and urgent occasion, we feel deeply interested in the debates and resolutions of that assembly in their present session.

We consider it as a first principle in the constitution of this and of the United States, that the officers of the respective governments have no separate and independent interest from that of the citizens in general; and we sincerely lament that any foreign nation should imbibe a contrary opinion.

Any attempts either at home or abroad, to introduce or diffuse such a salse and dangerous sentiment, will meet our direct censure and disapprobation.

However critical and alarming the state of our national affairs may now be, yet we posses a hope and confidence, that the councils of the sederal government will be guided by wisdom, moderation and simmes; and we are especially encouraged in this hope and confidence, from the illustrious character of the first Magistrate of the United States; his eminent services at home, his able and successful negociations abroad leave no ground of doubt, that his abilities and influence will be further exerted for the good of his country.

Whatever constitutional measures the general government may adopt for our common safety and defence, shall receive our prompt and effective aid.

We wish to live in peace upon equal and honorable terms with all the nations of the earth; we would be just to all, but will be dicated by none, and we reject with indignation the idea of our ever becoming so depraved and corrupt a people as to be subjected to any foreign influence or controul in the choice of our public officers, or in the direction of our public councils.

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In such a case we preser contention to peace, and the consequence of war to such degradation and abasement.

Sensible that a time of peace and prosperity is the most fit season to prepare for any exigency, the subjects of taxation and defence will be duly considered by us, and we shall receive with pleasure any further communications you may be pleased to make, and be ready to co-operate with you in all constitutional measures tending to establish justice and promote the general good.

Which report with a vote that it be received and accepted, were brought up and read, and upon a motion that it be concurred, the yeas and nays were called, and were as follows, viz.

YEAS.

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YEAS.

Mr. SHEPARD,

Mr. HOIT,

Mr. ORR,

Mr. FOGG,

Mr. WHITCOMB,

Mr. M'CLARY,

Mr. BLANCHARD,

Mr. DUNCAN,

Mr. HALE,

Mr. BAKER.

NAYS none:

It was therefore unanimously concurred.

Voted that Mr. Fogg and Mr. Hoit be a committee on the part of the Senate, to join such of the honorable House, as they may appoint, to wait on his Excellency the Governor, and present to him the answer of the legislature to his address, sent down for concurrence, concurred and joined.

A vote for a committee to join fuch of the Senate, as they

they may appoint, to take under consideration the law of this State relative to taking depositions; also the law admitting citizens suing citizens of this State, in counties which they are not inhabitants of, also citizens of this State and other States bringing actions against the citizens of this State, at a great distance from where either plaintist or defendent lives, and make such alterations and amendments as they may think proper,

was brought up, read and concurred : Mr. M'Clary and Mr. Hale appointed.

A vote for a committee to join fuch of the Senate, as they may appoint, to confider of some method respecting levying executions on corporations,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Blanchard appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of David Trumbull and others,

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. Hale and Mr. Whitcomb appointed.

The Senate met with the honorable House agreeably to the order of the day for public hearings.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Lemuel Holmes, Esquire,

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. Blanchard and Mr. Duncan appointed.

A vote that the memorial of Joshua Atherton, Esquire, Attorney General, be referred to the committee to take under consideration the salaries of the Judges, was brought up, read and concurred. A vote that the prayer of the petition of Nathaniel Sartell Prentice, Efquire, be granted, and that the committee appointed to fettle accounts between this State and individuals, be authorized to fettle his account, and certify the balance due to him (should any be found) & a resolve that his Excellency the Governor give order accordingly,

was brought up, read and concurred.

Prefented and approved.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Joshua Lovejoy,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Blanchard appointed.

A vote that his Excellency's communications of this day, respecting compensations to persons employed in administering the government of the State, be referred to the committee appointed to take under consideration the salaries of the Judges,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote that the hearing on the petition of Jonathan Adams and others, inhabitants of Londonderry, be postponed to the second Wednesday of the next session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of Nathan Winn, praying for a new trial in a certain cause, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of Richard Jennels and others, with leave to bring in a bill accordingly,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of Jeremiah Folfom and Stephen Cogan, with leave to bring in a bill accordingly,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under consideration the statement made by the Treasurer of the situation of the treasure,

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. M'Clary and Mr. Hale appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of John Burns,

was brought up, read and concurred:

Mr. Orr appointed.

A vote granting a hearing on the petition of Abraham Swain and others, praying for an incorporation of a Baptist Society in Meredith, before the General Court, on the first Tuesday of the next session,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of John Bellows, praying for the exclusive privilege of building a bridge over Connecticut river, between Hale's grant and the north lines of Atkinson ferry, and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill at this or the next session.

was brought up, read and concurred.

A bill, intitled, "an act in addition to an act, passed in December, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, intitled, an act to enable Enoch Hale to build and keep a bridge over Connecticut river," having been read a third time, voted that the same be enacted,

Presented and approved.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under consideration a report of a committee appointed in December last on the petition of Lot Cook and others,

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. Fogg and Mr. Blanchard appointed.

A vote granting a hearing on the petition of the Baptift Society in Northwood, before the General Court on the fecond Wednesday of the next session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote granting a hearing on the petition of James Little and others inhabitants of New-Hampton, before the General Court on the first Tuesday of the next session,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Joseph Odell and others,

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. M'Clary and Mr. Blanchard appointed.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Thursday, June 15, 1797.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as yesterday.

A BILL, intitled, "an act to make special pleading in causes triable before justices of the peace unnecessary,"

eeffary," having been read a third time voted that the fame be enacted,

Presented and approved.

A bill, intitled, "an act suspending in certain cases the operation of an act, intitled, "an act for the limitation of actions and preventing vexations suits, passed the sixteenth day of June one thousand seven hundred and ninety one," having been read a third time, voted that the same be enacted.

Presented and approved.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to report a bill for recovering money or any other property lost by gaming or betting, and to describe the manner or mode of proof,

was brought up, read and concurred : Mr. Blanchard and Mr. Hale appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take into consideration the expediency of passing an act, to prevent any persons who own mills at the head of any streams in this State, from retaining the waters to the detriment of other mills below on the same stream, and if they think proper to report a bill,

was brought up, read and non-concurred.

A bill, intitled, "an act, to alter the time of holding the annual meeting in the town of Unity," having been read a third time voted that the same be enacted, Presented and approved.

A bill, intitled, "an act, to incorporate certain perfons herein after named, into a fociety by the name of the Social Library company in New Durham," having been read a third time, voted that the same be enacted, Presented and approved.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petitions from the towns of Sutton, New-London, Bradford, Andover and Kearsarge Gore,

was brought up, read and concurred : Mr. Whitcomb and Mr. Fogg appointed.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of Joshua Lovejoy, praying that a certain gore of land might be annexed to Campbells Gore for the purpose of taxation, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under consideration certain bills relating to proprietary matters, &c,

was brought up, read and concurred : Mr. Hoit appointed.

A vote granting a hearing on the petition of the felectmen of East-Kingston before the General-Court on the second Wednesday of the next session, was brought up, read and concurred.

The Senate met with the honorable House agreeably to the order of the day for public hearings,

A refolve that the account of Ozias Silfby amounting to eleven dollars and ninety cents be allowed and paid out of the treasury,

was brought up, read and concurred : Prefented and approved. A resolve that the account of Nathaniel Adams, Esq. amounting to fifty dollars be allowed and paid out of the treasury,

was brought up, read and concurred : Prefented and approved.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Ebenezer Eaton, Esquire,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Blanchard appointed.

A vote on the petition of Samuel Young, Esquire, that the demand of the State against him for powder he received in the time of the war, is cancelled, and that process against the said Young on account of his being surety for Ebenezer Green for excise, be stayed until the next session of the General Court, that he may avail himself of a decree of the judge of probate in the intermediate time to obtain satisfaction out of the said Green's estate,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A bill, intitled, "an act for incorporating certain persons by the name of the proprietors of the Orford Social Library," having been read a third time, voted that the same be enacted,

Presented and approved.

A bill, intitled, "an act to enable the representatives of the county of Cheshire to form themselves into a convention for the purpose of granting and appropriating taxes for their county, at this session of the General Court," having been read a third time voted that the same be enacted,

Presented and approved.

A vote granting a hearing on the petition of John Burns, before the General Court, on the second Wednesday of the next session,

was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned until to morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Friday, June 16, 1797.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as yesterday.

A VOTE that the falary of the chief judge of the fuperior court be eight hundred and fifty dollars per annum, and the other judges eight hundred dollars each, and that a bill be brought in accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of John Powell and Nehemiah Lovell,

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. Hoit and Mr. Whitcomb appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the report of a committee on the petition of William Cargill and Chauncy Curtis, was brought up, read and concurred.

Mr. Hoit appointed.

Voted that Mr. Blanchard be a committee on the

part of the Senate, to join such of the honorable House of Representatives, as they may appoint, to take under consideration the several laws of this State, respecting the maintenance of the poor, sent down for concurrence, concurred and joined.

The Senate were informed by meffage that the House were ready to attend the order of the day for public hearings, the Senate met with the House accordingly.

A vote that the account of John Melcher be referred to the committee on the account of Nathaniel Adams, Esquire,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote that the time for the fettlement of the avcounts of the committee appointed to lay out and make a road from Coo's to Conway, &c. be extended to the last day of September next, and that the committee appointed by the General Court at their last fession for fettlement thereof, be directed to notify them to appear at fuch time and place as may be appointed for that purpose prior to the faid last day of September next, and if the faid committee for laying out and making faid road should neglect to attend at the time and place appointed as aforesaid, and settle and pay the balance (if any,) into the hands of the faid committee appointed to fettle and receive the fame, that the attorney general be directed to commence actions against said committee for laying out and making faid road, &c. as foon as may be after the faid last day of September next, at the court of common pleas in the county of Rockingham in faid State.

was brought up, read and concerred.

The committee appointed to take into confideration the petition of Lot Cook and others, reported that having

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taken into consideration the report referred to and heard the objections offered, are of opinion that the establishment of a corporation on the principles of said peport would be injurious to several towns, and the report ought not to be accepted, which report was accepted,

brought up, read and concurred.

A bill, intitled, "an act for incorporating certain persons by the name of the proprietors of the social library in Exeter," having been read a third time, voted that the same be enacted,

Prefented and approved.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Isaac Baldwin.

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. Whitcomb and Mr. Hale appointed.

A resolve that the account of John Melcher, amounting to seven bundred and fifty dellars, be paid out of the treasury,

was brought up, read and concurred.

Prefented and approved.

A vote that a law be enacted authorizing the Reprefentatives from the county of Grafton to go into convention for the purpose of raising such taxes in their county as they may judge necessary,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of Gilbert Horney and others, with leave to bring in a bill accordingly,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A message from the House informed the Senate they were ready to attend to the order of the day for public hearings, the Senate met with the House accordingly.

A vote that the hearing on the petition of Josiah Sandborn, which was to have been this day before the General Court be postponed until the second Wednesday of the next session,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote that the hearings which were to have been this day before the General Court, on the petitions of Thomas Bartlett, Josiah Hastings and others, and of Rufus Graves and others, be postponed to Tuesday next,

was brought up, read and concurred,

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take into consideration the laws authorizing the Superior Court of Judicature to hear and try causes respecting the forfeitures of lands heretofore granted, or which may hereafter be granted within this State, to make such alterations and amendments as they shall judge necessary, and report the same to the honorable House at the next session,

was brought up, read and concurred:

Mr. M'Clary appointed.

An act, intitled, "an act to authorize the administrator of the the estate of Jeremiah Young, deceased, to make and execute a good and valid deed to Stephen Cogan, of a certain tract of land in Durham, having been read a third time, voted that the same be enacted,

Presented and approved.

A bill, intitled, "an act to incorporate certain perfons herein afternamed and their affociates, by the name

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of Wakefield and Brookfield union library," having been read a third time, voted that the same be enacted, Presented and approved.

A vote that the petition of Matthew Thornton, Efq. be referred to the committee on the petition of David Trumbull,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join fuch of the Senate, as they may appoint, to confider the petition of William Plummer, Esquire, and others,

was brought up, read and concurred:
Mr. Blanchard and Mr. Duncan appointed.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock.

Saturday, June 17, 1797.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as yesterday.

ABILL, intitled, "an act authorizing the Superior Court of Judicature to grant to the administrators of the estate of Richard Jenness, a new trial or review in a certain action," having been read a third time, voted that the same be enacted,

Presented and approved.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Mary Tracey,

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. Fogg appointed. A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Thomas Simpson, Esquire,

was brought up, read and concurred:
Mr. Flanders appointed, and Mr. Hoit added.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of the selectmen of Wendall,

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. Blanchard appointed.

A bill, intitled, "an act regulating the appointment of Aids-de-camp to the Captain General," was introduced by a member of the Senate, and having been read a third time, passed to be enacted,

Sent down for concurrence—not concurred.

A vote that the prayer of the petition of Jacob Copeland, agent for the town of Stoddard, be granted, as it respects jurisdiction of a strip of land (so called) to the town of Stoddard, with leave to bring in a bill accordingly,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A resolve that Isaac Baldwin receive out of the treafury forty dollars, and that an order issue for the payment of said sum,

was brought up, read and concurred: Prefented and approved.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to obtain information of David Webster, Esquire, respecting the sale of the township of Coleburn, and what he has done respecting making a tender

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to Mr. Cilley of the money furnished by the State for that purpose,

was brought up, read and concurred:

Mr. Hale appointed.

A vote that the account of Caleb Buswell be referred to the committee on the account of Nathaniel Adams, Efquire,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A refolve that the account of William Stickney, amounting to forty-four dollars, be allowed and paid out of the treasury,

was brought up, read and concurred:
Prefented and approved.

A vote for a committee to join fuch of the Senate, as they may appoint, to confider the petition of Jonathan Meserve and Clement Meserve,

was brought up, read and concurred:

Mr. Hale appointed.

A vote that the State relinquish any demand they have on Lemuel Holmes, Esquire, for the one bundred dollars in certificates which he acknowledges, in his petition to have received,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to make such division of this State into counties as they shall judge will best accommodate the inhabitants thereof,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Flanders, Mr. Hoit, Mr. Fogg, Mr. Shepard and Mr. Baker appointed.

A vote granting a hearing on the petition of Mary Tracy, before the General Court on Tuesday next, was brought up, read and concurred.

A resolve that Michael M'Clary, Esquire, provide at the expence of the State, so many suits of colours as shall be wanting for the additional regiments, and that he be authorized to draw out of the treasury a sum not exceeding one bundred and fifty dollars, to be by him accounted for; and that his Excellency the Governor draw an order on the Treasurer accordingly,

was brought up, read and concurred,

Adjourned until Monday next, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Monday, June 19, 1797.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as on Saturday.

A VOTE that the Treasurer be, and hereby is requested to procure, before the next session of the General Court, two of the best maps of this State that can be obtained, for the use of the Senate and House of Representatives,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under consideration the pro-

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priety of the Treasurer's issuing an alias extent against the estate of Ebenezer Green,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Hale appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to report in what manner the four hundred new law-books purchased by the State, shall be disposed of,

was brought up, read and concurred:
Mr. Duncan and Mr. M'Clary appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under consideration that part of his Excellency's communication which respects raising a tax,

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. Blanchard and Mr. M'Clary appointed.

A vote for a committee to join fuch of the Senate, as they may appoint, to confider the petition of Afa Eastman and others,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Orr appointed.

A vote that the petition of the inhabitants of Fishersfield be referred to the committee on the petition of the felectmen of Wendell,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A bill, intitled, "an act to give to Nathan Winn a new trial in review of a certain action of trespass, reviewed by Asa Davis and others, against him, at the superior court of judicature holden at Amherst in the county of Hillsborough, October term, 1792," having been read a third time, voted that the same be enacted,

Presented and approved,

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under consideration a bill regulating the appointment of Aids de-camp to the Captain-General, and establishing their rank—also the rank of the Adjutant-General,

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. Hoit and Mr. Leavitt appointed,

A vote for a committee to join fuch of the Senate, as they may appoint, to confider the petition of Richard Kimball and others,

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. Flanders appointed.

A vote for a committee to join fuch of the Senate, as they may appoint, to confider the petition of Paul Jewett and others,

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. Hale appointed.

A vote for a committee to join fuch of the Senate, as they may appoint, to confider the petition of Jehosaphat Grout,

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. Whitcomb and Mr. M'Clary appointed.

A vote for a committee to join fuch of the Senate, as they may appoint, to confider the memorial of David Webster, Esquire,

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. Hoit and Mr. Baker appointed.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Tuesday, June 20, 1797.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as yesterday.

VOTE that the further consideration of the petition of William Plummer, Robert Fletcher and Arthur Livermore, Esquires, be postponed to the next session of the General Court,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote that the prayer of the petitions from the towns of Sutton, New-London, Bradford, Andover and Kear-farge-Gore be granted, and that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Thomas Miller,

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. Duncan appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Samuel Marsh and others,

was brought up, read and concurred : Mr. Blanchard appointed.

A bill, intitled, "an act in addition to an act for arranging the militia into divisions," having had three feveral readings, passed to be enacted, sent down for concurrence, concurred, presented June 21, 1797, not approved.

A bill, intitled, "an act for allowing falaries to the Judges of the Superior Court," having been read a third time, voted that the same be enacted,

Presented and approved.

A resolve that the members of the honorable Council, Senate and House of Representatives receive two dollars per day each for their attendance the present session; the honorable the President of the Senate, Speaker and Clerk of the House two dollars and fifty cents each; the Deputy Secretary two dollars of fifty cents; the Assistant Clerk two dollars per day, and eight cents each per mile to and from the court; that the honorable Council in the recess of the court receive two dollars and fifty cents each per day for attendance and travel as at the present session, and that the Secretary and Clerk make up the rolls and certify the same accordingly, and that the clerk be allowed one day extra for making up the rolls,

was brought up, read and concurred:
Presented and approved.

A message from the honorable House informed the Senate that the House were ready to attend to the order of the day for public hearings; the Senate met with the House accordingly.

A vote that when the business of the present session is finished, the General Court be adjourned to meet again at Concord on the sourth Wednesday of November next, was brought up, read and concurred with this amendment, "that the General Court meet at Portsmouth instead of Concord, sent down for concurrence, brought up concurred.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of Robert M'Gregore M'Gregore and William Duncan, Esquires, with leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote granting a hearing on the petition of Paul Jewett and others, before the General Court, on the fecond Wednesday of the next session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote that the four hundred law-books shall be disposed of as follows, viz. That one be given to each town in this State, which will amount to about two hundred, one to the Superior Court, one to each of the courts of Common Pleas, one to each Probate Court, and one to the District Court, amounting to twelve; to the Governor and Council one each,—the Secretary, Treasurer and Deputy Secretary one each, amounting to nine, Attorney General one, Congress one, to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, the Clerk and Affistant Clerk one each, amounting to one hundred and fifty five; making in the whole three hundred and seventy-eight,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to call on the Deputy Secretary to direct the several law books as per vote of this day, and that said committee see to the distribution thereof, as directed in said vote, and report what shall be done with the remainder of the books, or where they shall be lodged,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Fogg appointed.

A bill, intitled, "an act granting to the heirs of Joseph Hixon, deceased, the right of appeal from a de-

cree of the Judge of Probate of Wills, &c. in the county of Rockingham, to the Superior Court of Judicature in the same county," having been read a third time, voted that the same be enacled,

Presented and approved.

A bill, intitled, "an act to incorporate a fociety in Amherst, by the name of the Amherst Social Library Society," having been read a third time, voted that the same be enacted,

Presented and approved.

A bill, intitled, "an act to incorporate certain perfons for the purpose of building and keeping in repair a bridge over Pemigewasset river, between the towns of New-Hampshire and New-Chester," having been read a third time, voted that the same be enacted,

Presented and approved.

A bill, intitled, "an act in addition to and amendment of an act, intitled, an act regulating process and trials in civil cases," having been read a third time, voted that the same be enacted,

Presented and approved.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of Mary Tracey, with leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

The committee on the petitions from Wendell and Fishersfield respecting the boundaries of Goshen, reported that the lines and bounds of the said Goshen be as follows, beginning at a stake and stones on Fishersfield line, about 160 rods north of Cory's road (so called) from thence straight to the north east corner of lot number

nine, mentioned in Goshen's act of incorporation, then to proceed as said act directs until it comes to the south east corner of said Goshen, thence north until it interfects Fisherssfield line, thence on Bisherssfield line to the first bounds mentioned, and that Goshen have leave to bring in a bill to establish the lines as above described, which report was accepted, with leave to bring in said bill at this or the next session,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to report what time the General Court may adjourn,

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. Leavitt and Mr. Flanders appointed.

A bill, intitled, "an act to give jurifdiction of the town of Stoddard, over a strip of land included within the grants of the towns of Marlow and Gilsom, having been read a third time, voted that the same be enacted, Presented and approved.

A vote granting a hearing on the petition of Richard Kimball and others, a Baptist Society in the town of Salem, before the General Court on the second Tuesday of the next fession,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote that the hearing on the petition of Thomas Bartlet be postponed until the second Wednesday of the next session, and that all persons govern themselves accordingly,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote that David Webster, Esquire, lodge the money by him received of the State Treasurer, in order to make a tender to Jonathan Cilley, Esquire, agreeably to the order order of court, and that the faid Webster notify the faid Cilley that said money is in the treasury office, and ready to be paid to him on his demand, he giving a discharge of the township he purchased, was brought up, and the following vote substituted instead thereof, viz.

Voted that David Webster, Esquire lodge with the State Treasurer the money hereceived of said Treasurer in order to make a tender to Jonathan Cilley, Esquire, agreeably to the order of court, and that the said Webster notify the said Cilley that said money is in the treasury office, and ready to be paid to him on his demand, he relinquishing all claims in consequence of his purchasing the reputed town of Coleburn, which is not to be found,

Sent down for concurrence-brought up concurred.

A vote granting a hearing on the petition of Thomas-Miller, before the General Court on the fecond Thursday of the next session,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote granting a hearing on the petition of Samuel Mansh and others, for the exclusive privilege of building a bridge over Merrimac river at Hill's ferry (fo called) before the General Court on the second Wednesday of the next session,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of Rufus Graves and others, for the exclusive privilege of building a bridge over Connecticut river in Hindale, with leave to bring in a bill at this or the next fession,

was brought up; read and concurred.

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Eastman and others, from Chatham, before the General Court on the second Wednesday of the next session, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Stephen Evans.

was brought up, read and concurred : Mr. Hale appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to report what allowance shall be made to the electors of President and Vice-President of the United States, for their travel and attendance on said business in December last,

was brought up, read and concurred:

Mr. Orr appointed.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Wednesday, June 21, 1797.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as yesterday.

A BILL, intitled, "an act in addition to an act, intitled, an act in addition to the laws now in force relating to proprietary matters, passed June 17, 1796, having been read a third time, voted that the same be enacted, presented this day, returned to the honorable House by the Governor, with his objections.

A bill, intitled, "an act for rendering the decision of civil causes more speedy and less expensive than here-tofore," having been read a third time, voted that the same be enacted,

Prefented and approved.

A bill, intitled, "an act regulating the appointment of Aids-de-camp to the Captain General, and determining the rank of the Adjutant-General," having been read a third time, voted that the same be enacted,

Presented and approved.

A bill, intitled, "an act to annex a certian gore of land to Campbell's-Gore, in the county of Hillsborough," having been read a third time, voted that the fame be enacted,

Presented and approved.

A bill, intitled, "an aft in addition to an aft, intitled, an aft to incorporate certain persons for the purpose of cutting a canal by life of Hookset falls on Merrimac river," having been read a third time, voted that the same be enacted,

Presented and approved.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to report some method whereby the laws passed at this session and suture sessions may be published and dispersed immediately after the close of each session,

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. Leavitt and Mr. Blanchard appointed.

A resolve that the electors of President and Vice President of the United States have and receive out of the treasury eight dollars each for their attendance in Decem-

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ber last, and travel as a member of the legislature, and that the Secretary make out a roll for payment, and an order issue accordingly,

was brought up, read and concurred:
Presented and approved.

A resolve that the account of John Case, Esquire, a-mounting to thirty-seven dollars and seventy-five cents, be allowed and paid out of the treasury,

was brought up, read and concurred:
Presented and approved.

A resolve that the account of Nathaniel Weare, amounting to two dollars, be allowed and paid out of the treasury,

was brought up, read and concurred:
Presented and approved.

A vote that William Plummer, John Goddard and Ephraim Robinson, Esquires, be a committee to receive from the committee for settling the Treasurer's accounts, all the papers received of the treasurer by said committee, and to deface the orders and new emission money by punching the same, to destroy all the State notes and certificates, and lodge the new emission money and orders with the Treasurer after they are thus desaced, and report at the next session,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote that the Treasurer issue an alias extent against Ebenezer Green's estate, and that the Treasurer govern himself accordingly,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A resolve that the account of Nathaniel Parker, a-

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mounting to fourteen dollars and eight cents, be allowed and paid out of the treasury, was brought up, read and concurred:

Presented and approved.

A refolve that the account of John Goddard, Efquire, amounting to ten dollars, be allowed and paid out of the treasury,

was brought up, read and concurred:
Presented and approved.

A refolve that the account of Supply Clap, amounting to ten dollars, be allowed and paid out of the treasury, was brought up, read and concurred:

Presented and approved.

A refolve that the account of Caleb Buswell, amounting to nine dollars, be allowed and paid out of the treafury,

was brought up, read and concurred:
Prefented and approved.

A resolve that the Rev. Mr. Evans be allowed and paid out of the treasury ten dollars for his services as chaplain to the General Court the present session,

was brought up, read and concurred:
Presented and approved.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under consideration a bill to incorporate Rusus Graves and others for the purpose of building a bridge,

was brought up, read and concurred: Mr. Hoit and Mr. Whitcomb appointed. A vote that the further confideration of the law for abolishing the court of General Sessions of the Peace, be postponed to the next session,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote granting a hearing on the petition of Stephen Evans, before the General Court on the fecond Thurfday of the next fession,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A refolve that the account of Jonathan Palmer amounting to four dollars, be allowed and paid out of the treasury,

was brought up, read and concurred: Prefented and approved.

A refolve that the account of Robert B. Wilkins, amounting to twenty-nine dollars, be allowed and paid out of the treasury,

was brought up, read and concurred:
Prefented and approved.

A resolve that the account of George Hough, amounting to thirty one dollars and thirty cents, be allowed and paid out of the treasury,

was brought up, read and concurred:
Prefented and approved.

A refolve that the account of Caleb Buswell, a-mounting to twenty-eight dollars, be allowed, and paid out of the treasury.

was brought up, read and concurred:
Prefented and approved.

A vote that the further consideration of the division

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of this State into counties, be postponed to the next fession,

was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning 6 o'clock.

Thursday, June 22, 1797.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as yesterday.

BILL, intitled, "an act in addition to, and amendment of an act, intitled, an act to incorporate a certain township by the name of Goshen," having had three several readings, passed to be enacted, Sent down for concurrence—brought up concurred.

Presented and approved.

A resolve that the account of David Hall, amounting to fix dollars, be allowed and paid out of the treasury, was brought up, read and concurred:

Presented and approved.

A vote that the printed copies of the election fermon be distributed in the following manner, one to each town represented, one to his Excellency the Governor, one to each member of the honorable Council, Senate and House of Representatives, and one to each of their officers, and the remainder to the Rev. Mr. Peabody, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to procure a convenient room for his Excellency the Governor and the honorable Council the next fession at Portsmouth,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A resolve that the account of Josiah Nelson, amounting to fifty-five dollars and eighty-two cents, be allowed and paid out of the treasury,

was brought up, read and concurred:
Prefented and approved.

A message went down to inform the honorable House that the table of the Senate was clear, and that they were ready to be adjourned.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to wait on his Excellency the Governor and inform him that the business of the present session is compleated, and that the legislature are ready to be adjourned to the fourth Wednesday in November next, then to meet at Portsmouth,

was brought up, tead and concurred: Mr. Hoit and Mr. M'Clary appointed.

The Secretary came in and informed the Senate that his Excellency the Governor, with advice of Council, had thought fit to adjourn the General Court until the fourth Wednesday of November next, then to meet at Portsmouth. They were adjourned accordingly.

A true copy,

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NATH'I PARKER, Dep'y Sec'ry.



